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SELECTED ENTRIES FROM PREVIOUS CHECKLISTS

The following material, carried in the issues for March 17, 19 and 20, has not been affected by later developments:

1. Soviet space launch

The launch on 16 March used a smaller booster than the man-in-space vehicles and all signs point to an instrumented payload. The satellite's orbit is ideal for coverage of the US and it will pass over the US during afternoon daylight hours. It is possible that a photo reconnaissance function is involved. This was the first vehicle to be launched successfully from the Kapustin Yar site, where there were two failures late last year. This satellite vehicle launching is not the anticipated space launch and recovery operation for which preparations have been under way at Tyura Tam, where the stand down seems to be still in effect.

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2. Burma-Thailand

The possibility of a major uprising in northeastern Burma, where the Shan minority sees the Ne Win coup d'etat as a blow to its hopes for autonomy, has both Rangoon and Bangkok worried. The Thais fear that trouble there would spill across their borders and might invite intervention by both the Chinese nationalist irregulars and the Chinese Communists.

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3. Soviet ambassador registers pain over Indonesian policy
- As Foreign Minister Subandrio tells it, the Soviet ambassador to Djakarta was anything but diplomatic when they talked about the latest developments on New Guinea late last week, charging that the Indonesians were "in danger of falling into the trap of America." Subandrio says that his rejoinder was that the Indonesians can take care of themselves and that the Soviets ran the risk of pushing too hard. His conclusion: the ambassador's real fear is that the Soviets would be caught in a position of putting up most of the money while the US walks off with the laurels.

NOTES

- A. The Canadians, who last December concluded a wheat deal with the Chinese Communists for the first half of 1962, have now agreed to supply another 1 million tons during the second half. 50X1
- B. Lingering bitterness from last December's unsuccessful revolt in Lebanon, which closely follows Moslem-Christian dividing lines, has the Lebanese army command feuding. The government's precarious stability is dependent on the army's effectiveness.
- C. The Czechs are making some progress in their efforts to give the Bloc a foothold in Brazil's depressed northeast. 50X1 50X1

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- E. [redacted] Communist China
withdrew all its sterling deposits from Bloc banks [redacted]
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[redacted] Coinciding with severe Bloc
economic pressure on Albania. These actions were probably
designed to reduce China's vulnerability to possible Soviet
sanctions against it. 50X1
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- F. Haiti and the Dominican Republic are beginning to close one
another's consulates and seem to be inching towards a complete
break. [redacted] 50X1
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